

COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012
5:00 P.M

Present were:

Voting Members: Carr, Croasmun, Duguid, Simmons, Simonds, Stitt, Wood

Executive Secretary: Austin

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Bowman, Lewis, Moorhead, Stewart

Division of Planning and Operations Staff: Wilfong

Call to order 5:05 p.m.

Motion for approval of August 14, 2012, minutes: Croasmun; 2nd, Simonds. Motion carried.

Moment of Silence Observed

Chairman Simmons called for a moment of silence in remembrance of *September 11, 2000*.

ACTION ITEMS:

On-Street Handicap Parking Policy.

Action on this item was postponed.

OLD BUSINESS

Parking Policies Update

Randy Bowman gave updates as follows:

Loading Zone Policy

Staff has been working with Cleve Ricksecker, of Capital Crossroads, and John Angelo, representative for the Short North Business Association and the Short North Special Improvement Districts.

Parking Policies Update (continued)

On-Street Handicap Parking Policy

Staff has received input from the City Attorney's office regarding prospective changes to this policy. Mr. Bowman expects to have a more detailed update at the next meeting, including proposed recommendation on eligibility requirements, verification requirements, and how on-street handicap parking spaces will be evaluated and approved. Staff plans to brief the Mayor's Committee on Disability Issues at the Committee's next meeting. Commissioner Simonds will provide Mr. Bowman with the specifics for the meeting.

Residential Permit Parking Policy

Mr. Bowman indicated Commissioner Wood gave some very good input at the kickoff meeting held last week. Mr. Bowman also felt the working group has the mindset to solve some issues. The next meeting of the working group is scheduled for September 26, 2012. It will be a two-hour meeting at the Goodale Park Groundskeeper Building. Staff will provide the group with a lot of background information as well some data. Staff may also suggest a driving tour of Italian Village.

Discussion.

Bicycle Subcommittee Update

Daniel Moorhead reported as follows on issues discussed at the August 29 meeting of this Commission's Bicycle Subcommittee.

Sullivant Avenue Corridor -- This is a project to connect the future Camp Chase trail to downtown with a bike facility along Sullivant Avenue

Intersection Improvement for Bikeways – The Subcommittee discussed improvements at Dublin Road and the Olentangy Trail, Dublin Road and Twin Rivers Drive (connects the Scioto Trail to the Post Office and Twin Rivers Drive), and King Avenue and Olentangy Trail. (upgrades the curb ramps to ADA compliance and provides sharrows on King Avenue between Olentangy River Road and High Street)

Cleveland Avenue Corridor Study -- The Ohio Department of Transportation is going to resurface Cleveland Avenue between Long Street and Westerville Road. The City hired a consultant to look at that corridor for bike facilities. They found that Cleveland Avenue is not always ideal for a bike facility along that entire corridor, so an alternate route will be looked at either to the east or to the west of Cleveland Avenue north of I-670. South of I-670, a kind of sharrow configuration is being looked at on Cleveland Avenue. No travel lanes will be taken.

Bicycle Subcommittee Update (continued)

Fourth Street -- The bike lane recently installed on Fourth Street between Nationwide Boulevard and the I-670 westbound on-ramp was discussed.

There was discussion today about the bike lane at Fourth and the I-670 off-ramp. A work order has been written to switch the alignment to conform to recommendations in AASHTO bike guide, which would not include a crossover.

Downtown Action Plan -- Staff gave an update on the Plan and how it impacts biking.

Downtown Action Plan (DAP) Update

Bill Lewis reported on this issue as follows:

Project 1: High Street -- Installation of Parking Meters

Work orders to install meters on High Street are being written. Staff anticipates installation of most of the meters will be completed towards the end of the year. Staff is working on prioritizing blocks for installation.

Project 2: Front and Marconi Two-way Conversion

Design is now underway to modify the markings and traffic signals to implement the change in operation. Work will probably be done next year.

Project 3: Broad Street

This project is to look at Broad Street and determine what should be done with the eight lanes of asphalt. The analysis indicates eight lanes are not needed throughout the entire length of the corridor, basically from I-71 to the Scioto River Bridge. Staff is now considering whether to use the leftover pavement for bike lanes or full-time parking on Broad Street. Left-turn capacity will be needed at the intersections of Third and Fourth streets.

Project 4: Two-way Conversion -- Third and Fourth streets and Long and Spring streets are being analyzed for possible conversion to two-way operation as part of the DAP.

Project 5: Livingston Avenue -- Once the freeway is reconstructed, Livingston Avenue will be carrying less traffic. The City would like Livingston to be more of a “complete” street. Staff has asked the consultant to come up with some ideas as to what Livingston should and could look like post freeway construction.

Near East and South Area Traffic Control Modification

Gary Wilfong indicated he had nothing to report at this time.

Planning Studies

Gary Wilfong reported on planning studies as follows:

Hamilton Road

The first public meeting on this study will occur during the first week in October; Commissioners will be advised of meeting details. The consultant is finalizing alternatives. It will be a four-lane section with a median or a five-lane section. Both alternatives will include bike lanes and sidewalks. Mr. Wilfong will give another update at the next Commission meeting.

Creative Campus and Short North SID

Alternatives for the Creative Campus study and the Short North SID study are being finalized and will be taken to the Mayor's office for review.

The Short North study indicates the pedestrian environment can be increased and more full-time parking can be provided. Undergrounding utilities, landscaping, curb extensions and other street scape elements are being looked at.

Creative Campus – Mr. Wilfong hopes to present alternatives at the next Commission meeting. Staff is looking at reducing vehicular traffic and alternative pavement is being considered for Gay Street. Traffic calming and improved pedestrian crossings across Cleveland are also being looked at.

Community Mobility Plans Update

Terry Stewart distributed and reviewed status report (copies available upon request) on the following Division of Mobility Options community mobility plans:

- Spring-Sandusky Interchange Overall Traffic Management Plan
- Old North Columbus Traffic Management Plan
- Hilltop Community Mobility Plan/Hilltonia Safe Routes to School
- Weinland Park Community Mobility Plan
- Franklinton Community Mobility Plan

OTHER BUSINESS

OSU Freshmen Learn about Columbus

Chairman Simmons and Commissioner Stitt spoke about this issue. The Columbus Public Schools transported 7,800 students from OSU to and from the Nationwide area. The event provided an opportunity for the students to learn about some of the attractive destinations throughout the city. Chairman Stephens thanked the Columbus Police Department and others who helped with this effort.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. O'Harra
Recording Secretary

Steve A. Simmons, III
Chairperson

Patricia A. Austin
Executive Secretary

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